IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY SIXTH DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH**

**WRIT PETITION No. 23058 of 2005**

Between:

I.B.P. Centuary Club,

Maharanipeta,

Visakhapatnam rep by its Honorary
Secretary Y. Durga Prasad

**..... PETITIONER**

AND

The Commissioner of Police,

Visakhapatnam Visakhapatnam District

**.....RESPONDENTS**

**ORDER:**

Seeking a Mandamus, declaring the action of the respondents in interfering with the activities of the petitioner's club, particularly obstructing the play of rummy game with stakes/syndicate by its' members without assigning any reasons, as arbitrary and illegal, the present writ petition is filed.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Home.

The learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the respondents have no right to interfere with the activities of the petitioner's club, which is a registered one under the provisions of Societies Registration Act and also contended that the issue in this writ petition is squarely covered by a decision rendered by the Division Bench of this Court in ***Twin Cities Cinema Cultural Centre (Formerly Twin Cities Club) v. Commissioner of Police*** and hence he prays to allow the writ petition.

On the other hand, the learned Government for Home opposed the same.

As rightly contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the issue in this writ petition is squarely covered by the judgment rendered by the Division Bench of this Court in the aforesaid case, wherein it is held:

> "Therefore, the police authorities cannot obstruct the writ petitioner-Club from conducting card room where the members and guest of the writ petitioner's cultural center are allowed to play the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game). At the same time, we make it clear that the police is always at liberty to enter the premises and check as to whether the cultural center of the Club is conducting card room where the members and guests of petitioner's cultural center are playing the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game) for the purpose of verification. If they receive any intimation, the police may enter the club and verify the same and proceed further if the members and guests of writ petitioner's cultural center play other than the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game). The police authorities are also at liberty to proceed with the cases, which are already registered. The writ appeal is disposed of accordingly."

Following the above said judgment, the Writ Petition is disposed of in terms of the above order. No order as to costs.

**V.ESWARAIAH,J**

Dated: 26.10.2005

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